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NEAR EAST - ARAB WORLD -- UAR - LEBANON

The United Arab Republic is the dynamic element in the Middle East situation. Its formation set back Soviet puppets in Syria but USSR has put the best face on the matter.

Arab Union of Jordan and Iraq is by comparison in Arab eyes as phoney as a \$3 bill.

This wave of future slapped at Saud and shushed him into figurehead status after making a complete chump out of him on the fabulous bribery attempt.

Now it is lapping at Lebanon and that heterogeneous little country is in most serious trouble of its 40 years.

Chamoun has lost his bid for another six years. In trying he so stirred up diverse opposition elements that outcome is very difficult to predict.

Lebanon's eastern valley and Tripoli and Sidon areas (attachments from old Syria) could well slough themselves off and accede to UAR.

At minimum next President and Government are almost certain to adopt a distinctly neutral course of action.

Nasser's "positive neutralism", his appeal to the longing for union (which is just as strong in the Arab world as in the US in the 1780's or Italy in the 1850's), his radical lower middle class egalitarianism

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and his ability to draw strength from adversity strike responsive chords throughout the Arab world, and even such tough and hitherto stable monarchies as Iraq are in for trouble. Ultimately -- next 3 - 5 years -- can expect all of the Near East Arab states to be absorbed into or have at least associate membership in the UAR. Sed quaere -- can this happen without an explosion whether provoked by Israel or not.

..."For the most part, however, Khrushchev's rise in influence and power developed primarily, it would appear, from his ability to impress others with the rightness of his views and to overpower them with his inexhaustible energy, dynamism, and powers of persuasion. Voroshilov, apparently impressed, emphasized these traits when he nominated Khrushchev for premier in March 1958:

With tireless energy...Khrushchev...has faithfully served...the cause of socialism and communism....
In all this great creative work...an outstanding role has been played by our dear comrade Nikita Khrushchev - by his unfailing creative talent and truly unending and inexhaustible energy and initiative.
(Italics added)

Of all Stalin's lieutenants, Khrushchev had most clearly exhibited the characteristics of the leader personality."...